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## More jobs and homes on mayor's New Year wishlist

by Harry Walton

PROSPERITY, more jobs and a healthier High Street are Mayor, Councillor Ray Banham's New Year wishes for Weymouth and Portland.

Mr Banham and Mayoress Pam Nixon took time to wish every resident a happy and healthy festive season when they joined forces to pull a giant

cracker in the Christmas department at the Wilkinson's store in Weymouth. The Mayor said: "I know it's a bit of an odd thought in the depths of winter, but I also really hope that Weymouth has another sunny summer because this year's was excellent."

Christmas is a time when people celebrate, but Mr Banham said: "This time of year my main concern is for people who are on their own and families who are struggling."

"Hopefully their neigh-

bours will have been aware of this and be doing what they can to help during what is traditionally a period when people go the extra mile."

Mr Banham said he also hoped 2014 would see a continuation of the borough's growth in jobs which brought more than 1,500 new posts during 2013.

He added: "We have more to come and I would also like to see housing play a big part in the next year."

"You can't create jobs without giving workers an opportunity to house themselves within the borough."

"Hopefully we as a council can take the steps needed in 2014 not just to ensure more jobs but the infrastructure to cater for the people to fill them."

Mr Banham will be celebrating New Year with his family, but will also be out and about in the town to welcome in the New Year.

He said: "May I and Pam take this opportunity to wish everyone in Weymouth and Portland a coming year which gives them health, wealth and happiness through 2014."



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She then completed her teacher training and spent the rest of her working life in education, coming to live in Weymouth in 1993.

She is also secretary of Weymouth Baptist Church.

**■ Why do you live in Weymouth?**

It is a very good place to live and I love it. It is a great place and my father was born here in Buxton Road.

**■ Where do you go for your holidays?**

Usually to Canada because my sister, Heather, lives there, but I also go to Namibia because I worked as a missionary there from 2006-2008 and I have been back since to carry on with a religious project for schools.

**■ What is your favourite time of the year?**

I like summer best because Weymouth is busy, the days are mostly sunny and there is lots going on.

**■ What is your favourite film?**

Ben Hur because it was a jolly good yarn.....and at the time I liked Charlton Heston!

**■ What is the scariest thing that has ever happened to you?**

Swimming in a lake in Kenya where there were crocodiles. We got stranded on an island with them all around at night. I was also pretty scared flying a glider when I had to make an emergency landing.

**■ If you could live your life again what would you be?**

I would be a Christian as I am now. It is a strong belief of mine.



**■ Which three people would you invite to your dream dinner party?**

I would invite all three of my sisters because we are very close.

**■ What would you do if you won the Lottery?**

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**■ What do you hope the future holds?**

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## Commissioner proposes precept rise to tackle crime

POLICE and Crime Commissioner, Martyn Underhill, is hoping to persuade Dorset people to pay another seven pence a week on their council tax bills – to support the county's police force.

He is proposing to increase the amount people pay for policing in Dorset by 1.95 per cent for 2014-15.

Mr Underhill said the extra money will be used to recruit new officers and for investment in new technology.

The proposed rise to the precept, the part of the council tax that pays for police services, is a rise from £183.51 to £187.09 annually, for a band D household. This will take Dorset police's budget to £112.8 million for 2014-15. Mr Underhill will put his proposals to the Police and Crime Panel on February 6th.

Once he and the panel agree a figure it will be implemented in April.

Mr Underhill said: "It is right that we invest in the future to create an efficient and effective force."

"I have sought to balance the needs of our police service with the demands on families across Dorset. I am proposing a rise of 1.95%. This produces a challenging but achievable budget for Dorset Police that will enable us to protect service to the public whilst minimising demands on taxpayers."

"My priority is to keep people in Dorset safe. Everywhere I go, people tell me that they want a more visible force. This proposal will secure another 16 officers for Dorset, adding fresh leadership and skills. If we don't recruit, the profile of the force will become unbalanced and we will begin to be unrepresentative of the communities that we serve."

"This budget also allows the much needed investment in new technology such as body worn cameras. This proposal will fund around 300 body worn videos for officers across Dorset which will result in better policing, more accountability and will lead to more convictions. These cameras aid evidence gathering,

such as statements from domestic abuse victims. With the video you capture the atmosphere. There is nothing lost in translation."

"It will also fund a cyber-crime awareness campaign to help residents and businesses in Dorset identify and protect themselves from online threats. This prolonged awareness campaign is necessary to improve public knowledge of online security. Knowledge is the best defence against this crime."

"Over the last year, I have also dedicated resources into tackling rural crime in Dorset. This proposal will fund rural vehicles to patrol our more remote communities enhancing the ability to patrol and respond off road."

Details of the commissioner's precept proposals are open for public consultation until the end of January. Mr Underhill is urging people to share their views on the budget which is available at [www.dorset.pcc.police.uk](http://www.dorset.pcc.police.uk).

## Volunteer this New Year

PEOPLE are being encouraged to blow away the Christmas haze with a fun family day at the Chesil Beach Centre's January sale or a volunteering activity with Dorset Wildlife Trust.

Volunteering tasks range from getting dirty and up-close with conservation work on reserves, to providing administrative support in the office, or helping run events at visitor centres.

DWT's volunteering manager Steve Davis said: "Volunteers are vital to the organisation and help us carry out our important conservation work. Volunteering can bring personal satisfaction too – whether it's learning a new skill, making new friends and keeping fit or simply being closer to nature, there's something for everyone, no matter where you live in Dorset."

Pat Jefferies has been volunteering at Lorton Meadows conservation centre in Weymouth since May 2013 and he said: "I was offered a chance to do butterfly transects at Lorton Meadows, and after a few weeks I started helping to look after the office or shop during events. Now I also help out with social media for the trust. It has given me a massive sense of satisfaction, achievement and the motivation to learn more. I can be as involved as much or as little as I want to be."

Another great way to start the New Year is by helping wildlife in Dorset at the Fine Foundation Chesil Beach Centre sale on January 4th-5th where all profits go straight back into important conservation work in Dorset. The sale runs from 10am-4pm each day.

CBC manager Emily Brown said: "Heading down to the Chesil Centre for some bargains in the New Year is a great day out. There is a great range of wildlife inspired products for adults and children including bird food and feeders, books, bug catching kits, puzzles, toys and beautiful ornaments from gemstone trees to dolphins."

Those looking to volunteer might consider Lorton Meadows conservation centre in Weymouth which is running practical outdoor tasks on January 15th and 29th, February 12th and 26th February and March 12th and 26th. For more information, phone 01305 816546.

West Dorset volunteer parties will be held on various dates throughout the year. First events take place on January 7th and 9th. For more information, phone Steve Masters on 07557561624.

For more information about volunteering, visit <http://www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/volunteering> or contact us on 01202 642788.

To find out about all volunteering events, visit [www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/events](http://www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/events).

## Work begins on coast road water mains

WESSEX Water will be replacing water mains along the Weymouth and Bridport coast road next week as part of its ongoing water supply improvement programme.

The water main has burst around 30 times in the last 15 years and is in urgent need of replacement.

Work will start on Monday, January 6th, 2014, and will be carried out along the B3157 in West Street, Market Street and Rodden Row.

It is scheduled to take up to 12 weeks to complete and during that time the B3157 will be closed to through traffic and a full diversion will

by Harry Walton

be in place.

The diversion has been agreed with Dorset County Council's highways department and traffic will use the A35 and A354 as an alternative route.

Wessex Water has held

a number of meetings with local people and businesses in the village to choose a date which would cause the least amount of disruption to traffic.

The company has also agreed to provide a shut-

tle bus service to ensure residents remain connected to the village, including a separate shuttle bus which will run to and from the Abbotsbury Sub Tropical Gardens.

Every year residents of Abbotsbury are given a free pass to the gardens, but are rarely able to

visit as there is no public transport to the attraction. Wessex Water's free bus will mean anyone without their own transport will be able to use their pass.

Wessex Water design engineer Alan Marler, said they were committed to completing the work in a way that keeps disruption to a minimum.

He said: "We have worked closely with residents and traders and have listened to their concerns. We hope the buses we are providing will help reduce the amount of disruption caused throughout the work."

"It is important that people continue to support local traders while our work takes place as all businesses and services will be accessible and open as normal."

To complete the work quickly Wessex Water will be using "no-dig" techniques, where possible, which will reduce the number of excavations that need to be made in the highway.

Mr Marler added: "These techniques will reduce the number of excavations we need to make therefore causing less disruption to local people."

"We will be doing everything we can to finish the work as quickly as possible."

## Rotary bring Christmas cheer to Women's refuge

HAND-chosen and individually wrapped presents for every woman and child resident at the West Dorset Women's Refuge have been delivered by members of the Rotary Club of Melcombe Regis (RCMR).

The money was raised by members of RCMR towing their "Santa's House" trailer around the streets of Weymouth playing Christmas Carols and bringing back a little bit of the old fashioned Christmas spirit to the delight of everyone.

Ian Spofforth from the Rotary Club said: "Every year our Christmas Carol collection money goes to local charities and good causes. This year we thought that we would bring a bit of Christmas cheer to families who have had to leave their homes and move into a refuge by ensuring that they all have at least one present each to let them know that someone cares."

Chairman of the Advisory Committee, Molly Rennie said: "Families staying in the refuge have told me how touched they are by the community spirit shown to them at this special time."

The Rotary club also gave a cheque for over £100 to be spent for the benefit of all the residents.

Pictured from left are Ian Spofforth, Refuge Manager Pauline Collier, Rotarian Bill White and Molly Rennie.



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# New transport directory released

THE Dorset Community Transport Directory has been updated and now includes details of around 60 voluntary car schemes, dial-a-rides and other community transport projects in the county.

Many of the schemes are aimed at older people and/or those with disabilities, but several projects are listed for young people.

These may be extended after talks during recent months involving the Dorset Young People's Transport Forum. One of the ideas which has been looked into is whether the goodwill, which enables the many neighbour car schemes to operate, could be extended to help young people.

Simon Fraiz-Brown, Chair of Dorset Young People's Transport Forum, has asked scheme operators who might be interested in extending their remit to include younger people to contact him via email: s.fraiz-brown@dorsetcc.gov.uk or phone 01305 224776.

He points out that not all young people, especially in rural areas, have parents who can afford to run cars and for many young people that may mean not being able to get to job interviews or important appointments.

The updated directory is split by district with each page providing information about the scheme, details of which areas the scheme operates in and some contact details.

In the Dorchester area, for example, it includes details of the Age Concern weekly shopping service to the villages of Broadmayne, Crossways, Owermoigne, West Stafford, Warmwell, Maiden Newton, Cattistock, Puddletown and Tolpuddle as well as the Dorchester Dial A Bus which has wheelchair access and the Dorchester Neighbourhood Car Scheme.

If you know of other schemes that operate in Dorset or if you wish to be included in this directory contact: Paul Cooper on 01305 221736 p.c.cooper@dorsetcc.gov.uk at the Dorset passenger transport team, Dorset County Council, County Hall, Dorchester Dorset DT1 1XJ.

A new telephone service is now available for anyone to find out if there is a community transport scheme in their area.

Telephone 01305 221053. The transport directory can be found by visiting [www.dorsetforyou.com](http://www.dorsetforyou.com) and typing in "community transport directory".

# Christmas toy exchange thank you

THANKS to the support of Dorset donors, the recent Argos Toy Exchange will be providing new hope in the New Year to some of the UK's most disadvantaged children.

More than £560,000 worth of pre-loved toys were donated to Barnardo's nationwide, thanks to the partnership with the leading toy retailer.

During the six-week campaign with Argos, donations to Barnardo's rose by more than 56,000 bags.

In the South West alone, the charity

received almost 3,200 additional bags.

Gerard Cousins, Barnardo's director of retail and trading, said: "This is the second year of the partnership and we are delighted that the Argos Toy Exchange has again proved to be such a success, particularly in such a challenging climate.

"Christmas is one of our busiest times, so it was a real festive bonus to receive this substantial boost to our stock.

"Donations are absolutely essen-

tial to keep our stores trading. All profits from selling these toys are ploughed directly into our work with vulnerable and disadvantaged children."

The Toy Exchange encouraged Argos customers to donate their pre-loved toys at stores across the UK, to be sold through Barnardo's local networks of shops.

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# A festive thank you from lifeboat crew members

WEYMOUTH Lifeboat's coxswain and volunteer crew have wished all the supporters of the RNLI a Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

Coxswain Andy Sargent said: "I'd like to thank everyone for their continuing support and wish them a great festive season from all at Weymouth Lifeboat."

Chairman of Weymouth lifeboat

Branch Tony Beeson said: "Can I take this opportunity of wishing everyone who has supported the RNLI a very Happy Christmas and a safe and healthy 2014, but let us not forget that while we all enjoy this festive break our Lifeboat crews are ready to interrupt their celebrations to help anyone in peril on the water.

"Please continue to support our brave

crews in 2014 and beyond."

Lifeboat operations manager John Harvey said: "Sending the lifeboat out in filthy weather to save those in trouble at sea is what we do.

"Our volunteers need to feel reassured that they have the best equipment to keep them

safe in what are sometimes awful conditions.

"We couldn't do it without the support of so many people locally so thank you all."

Weymouth and Portland Mayor and Mayoress, councillors Ray Banham and Pam Nixon, visited the coxswain and volunteer

crew of Weymouth RNLI lifeboat for a festive drink on Christmas Day.

The Mayor thanked the crew for what they do and wished them and their families a happy Christmas before leaving the boat-house to go to the Christmas Day swim across the harbour.



■ THE Reverend Philip Elliott takes the service

## Hundreds gather for lifeboat carol service

WEYMOUTH'S traditional lifeboat carol service was held on a blustery night at Nothe Parade.

President and Weymouth and Portland Mayor, Councillor Ray Banham, attended with Mayoress Councillor Pam Nixon and gave one of three readings at the service which was taken by Holy Trinity curate, the Reverend Philip Elliott.

Mr Banham said: "This is a traditional event in Weymouth and one we very much look forward to because of the beneficial work that the lifeboats do.

"It is a pleasure to be here, to see so many people and to know that the proceeds are going to the Salvation Army band which we are very proud of."

Organiser Ken Francis said: "This was the short traditional carol service we hold here with five popular carols.

"We always get a good crowd and this year was no different with several hundred people turning up.

"All proceeds from this year's service will go to the Salvation Army Citadel Band who played for us on the night."



■ WEYMOUTH and Portland Mayor and Mayoress, councillors Ray Banham and Pam Nixon, joining the coxswain and volunteer crew of Weymouth RNLI lifeboat for a festive drink on Christmas Day

## 'Santa' raises £400 for RNLI

LOCAL boat owner and RNLI supporter Len Pitman has been disguising himself as Santa and sitting in the window of I Do Gowns Bridal Wear in St Mary Street, Weymouth, for five hours every day since December 6th.

Charging £2 to meet Santa, he raised more than £400 for Weymouth Lifeboat.

Coxswain Andy Sargent recently went along to collect the gift from Santa and praised Len for what he has done.

He said: "It is an amazing amount of money for Len to have raised for the lifeboat and we all thank him for his efforts."

Len said he had enjoyed sitting in the window and watching the reactions of people going by who were not sure if he was real or just a model!

Pictured is Len Pitman collecting more than £400 for Weymouth Lifeboat thanks to Len "Santa" Pitman.



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# Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

## Looking forward to another year of highs and lows

A NEW Year starts in 24 hours time and it can't come too quickly for me.

Remember 2012 and the glory of being in an Olympic-sized traffic queue? Well you may also remember that the buzz word of the time was "legacy" and how the Olympics would transform the borough by splashing the name of Weymouth and Portland across the world.

All that is nearly one and a half years ago and the only surprise is that it has taken that long for experts monitoring such things to tell Weymouth and Portland that it has shot itself in the foot – again – in 2013 by missing that "golden opportunity" to exploit its fame.

To be fair, the council has had a few other things on its mind ranging from soaring harbor repair bills to whether or not any new ferry contract should be signed with Condor or those men rowing people across the harbor who actually did more business than Condor.

Phil Say strode into the spotlight as the saviour of the Pavilion and has been widely praised for the job he's done so far with the building while two different sorts of building found themselves in different sorts of trouble.

Chalet owners told their beloved beach retreats were under threat had less than printable views of the council as did the country's oldest angling club when told

its clubhouse could be for the chop.

They took legal "sling your hook" action against the authority which, as you've gathered, isn't having the smoothest of years.

The weather gave its British all with everything from 100mph winds to torrential rain and flooding garnished with a bit of snow while a new Sainsbury's supermarket complete with mini barrage balloon opened in Weymouth. That makes three sites within a few hundred yards competing for the dwindling pool of shoppers' cash.

I say dwindling because feeling is growing that many Weymouth and Portland people have had enough and are now shopping in Dorchester – just a 12-minute trip using that nice new relief road – because they are fed up with what the borough has to offer.

But if shoppers are disillusioned then businesses clearly are not judging by the meteoric success of new industrial sites such as Link Park near the Granby. Perhaps we should get owner Micky Jones to run the borough.

If we did then he'd probably make sure any new industrial site of his was well away from the coast, large parts of which from Preston to Portland were revealed to be victims of serious erosion problems which even threaten the main gas pipeline to Portland supplying

4,000 homes.

Still, Portland's newest £80 million potential attraction is not looking to the future but the past with Jurassic proposing a spectacular display of fossils at Yeolands Quarry.

This year's Weymouth carnival went off well and plans are already underway for the 2014 event while JAWS, the Jersey And Weymouth Society being set up by Weymouth and Portland Mayor Ray Banham, is attracting a lot of interest.

A mystery disease wiped out nearly half the swans at Radipole Lake and an ancient cannon was given a new home on Portland.

The Isle of Portland Aldridge Community Academy had its main development plans rejected by planners but did open the island's first Sixth Form while partygoers left a grassy hillside strewn with toxic gas canisters at Preston.

Food bank use hit an all time high and police complained about a sharp increase in anti-social behavior incidents....by mobility scooter users!

Shock figures revealed that the number of Weymouth and Portland pensioners will double by 2035 and Olympic figurehead Lord Coe came back to revisit the Olympic rings sculpture, now on show at Portland Heights.

Weymouth saw the start of its Business Improve-

ment District while the Duke of Edinburgh agreed to be patron of Portland's £30 million MEMO project remembering more than 800 species which have gone extinct in modern times.

One miserable thief stamped their unwelcome mark on Christmas by stealing one of the raffle prizes being offered by a Weymouth charity shop and storms gave everyone a shaking in the run up to Christmas and New Year.

And what about how the last seven days have improved family ties, strengthened bonds and led to a resumption of relations with countless mother-in-laws?

There probably isn't a family in the country which hasn't had a bit of stress over Christmas and the run up to New Year and it's probably the mother-in-laws who have held things all together so far!

So try and make the transition to 2014 go as smoothly as possible and bear one key thought in mind. We're going to have to do it all again in a year's time.

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## The Christian Column

### AS I SEE IT ... by Geoff Treleven

#### Having a fixed point

I ALWAYS like to have an Ordnance Survey Map for the area in which I live, and whenever I spent a holiday in a new place, one of the first things I did was to buy an OS map.

These maps show many details and I always found them both useful and fascinating. Obviously, their production is very involved and this is something I have been investigating.

When a major project to map out Great Britain began in 1936, a number of what became known as trig points were set up and used by the Ordnance Survey to determine the exact shape of the country.

Having established the location of the trig points, they were used as a fixed basis for mapping our excellent OS maps, based on the National Grid.

The idea of having a fixed point is something we all need as we enter a new year.

The future is always uncertain and we may be apprehensive, so it is good to hold on to someone who is unchanging. There are numerous scriptures to support this thought, including the following.

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith..." (Hebrews 12:2).

If you have a news story for Weymouth or Portland call our reporter  
Harry Walton on 01305 787843

# Swimmers brave cold for Christmas Day plunge

SWIMMERS plunged into chilling water to the delight of thousands of spectators when Weymouth set a new record for its annual cross-harbour swim on Christmas Day.

The previous record for the event, which was organised by Weymouth and Portland Lions Club, was 248 swimmers, but 2013 just beat that with 249.

Brave entrants even included one Dick Mallinson, who was taking part in his 28th swim while others brought their own style to the event by taking the plunge in fancy dress outfits such as Santa uniforms.

The event, which dates back to 1947, set a course across the harbor from the Old Rooms Inn to the Royal Dorset Yacht Club which saw participants

tackle a family fun swim, two competitive under-16s swim, a competitive women's swim and an open competitive swim.

Organiser Mark Lockie said: "The swimmers' entry forms showed in excess of £10,000 being raised for their charities."

"We would like to thank Weymouth Canoe Lifeguards, MV Freedom, Coastline Cruises, Carlin Boat Charters, Pontoonworks, the Old Rooms pub, Phil Say, Weymouth Harbourmaster, Weymouth and Portland Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Ray Banham and Councillor Pam Nixon, and especially Fanny the Ugly Sister from the pantomime "Cinderella" at Weymouth-Pavillion."



■ MARKS and Spencer staff members Jake Forkbender, Sam Ruddick, Matt Sturme and Chantelle Oetegenn raised more than £500 in sponsorship for Weymouth RNLI lifeboat for doing the Christmas day swim across Weymouth harbour



■ MAKING a splash at the annual Weymouth-cross-harbour swim

Photos by Sarah Lockie



## Weymouth & Portland and West Dorset rubbish, recycling and food waste collection arrangements Christmas/New Year 2013-14



Normal day	Rearranged day
Wednesday 25 Dec	Friday 27 Dec
Thursday 26 Dec	Saturday 28 Dec
Friday 27 Dec	Monday 30 Dec
Monday 30 Dec	Tuesday 31 Dec
Tuesday 31 Dec	Thursday 2 Jan
Wednesday 1 Jan	Friday 3 Jan
Thursday 2 Jan	Saturday 4 Jan
Friday 3 Jan	Monday 6 Jan
Monday 6 Jan	Tuesday 7 Jan
Tuesday 7 Jan	Wednesday 8 Jan
Wednesday 8 Jan	Thursday 9 Jan
Thursday 9 Jan	Friday 10 Jan
Friday 10 Jan	Saturday 11 Jan

### For Weymouth & Portland residents

Please put your rubbish out by 6am and recycling out by 7am. Real Christmas trees will be collected for composting if put out with your brown bin. For more information call

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### For West Dorset residents

Please put your rubbish and recycling out by 7.30am. Real Christmas trees can be booked for collection on your normal kerbside recycling day between Monday 6 January and Friday 31 January 2014 by calling **01305 251010** or book online at

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# Visit Abbotsbury – where you'll find something for everyone

WESSEX WATER will be carrying out essential work in Abbotsbury in the new year, but businesses in the village will be open as usual.

Abbotsbury, a unique village steeped in history is set among the hills behind the great Chesil Bank. Whether you enjoy browsing through local craft shops, enjoying unique eateries, taking part in sporting or cultural activities or simply admiring the stunning scenery, Abbotsbury has something on offer for everyone.

The village is well-known worldwide for its Sub Tropical Gardens, which are nearly 250 years

old. The attraction has become one of the most popular things to do with the family while visiting Dorset after they were first established by the first Countess of Ichester in 1765.

Since then they have been developed into an impressive 20 acre garden. The gardens are filled with rare and exotic plants from all over the world, many of which were first introductions to this country, discovered by the plant hunting descendants of the Countess.

Also, sitting above the village on a hill and commanding views over the Dorset countryside and the English Channel is St. Catherine's Chapel.

The Chapel was built in the first half of the 15th century.

Virtually unaltered since it was built the chapel is one of a handful of its kind which are located outside the precincts of the monasteries that built them. Its isolated setting allowed the monks to withdraw from the monastery during Lent for private prayer and meditation.

Please continue to support businesses in the village during the Wessex Water work.



## Water main replacement work

WESSEX WATER will be replacing water mains along the Weymouth and Bridport coast road from Monday 6 January 2014 as part of its ongoing water supply improvement programme.

During the work the B3157 will be closed to through traffic. A full diversion will be in place via the A35 to Dorchester. Although the road will be closed for through traffic, access for residents and businesses will be maintained at all times.

We have worked closely with residents and businesses and carried out a consultation exercise to ensure the work would be carried out at a time which would cause the least amount of disruption to traffic.

The water main has burst around 30 times in the last 15 years and is in urgent need of repair.

Work will start on 6 January 2014 and will be carried out along the B3157 in West Street, Market Street and Rodden Row.

It is scheduled to take up to 12 weeks to complete and during that time a diversion will be in place

for through traffic, which was agreed with Dorset County Council's highways department. Traffic will use the A35 and A354 as an alternative route.

Wessex Water engineers will be working as quickly as possible in an attempt to complete the work on time or ahead of time, if possible.



## Transport

DURING the water main replacement work in Abbotsbury, First's X53 bus service between West Bay and Portesham (in both directions) will be diverted away from the village via Dorchester Road.

Therefore Wessex Water is providing a free shuttle bus to replace these services, keeping the villages and communities between West Bay and Portesham connected to Abbotsbury.

For more information about the scheme, or for bus timetables visit [www.wessexwater.co.uk/abbotsbury](http://www.wessexwater.co.uk/abbotsbury)

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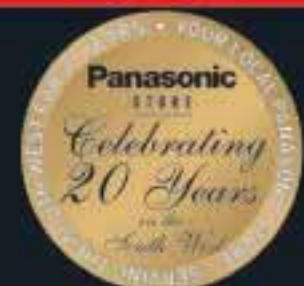
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# New laws target county's rogue scrap metal dealers

ROGUE scrap metal traders could face prosecution under new laws for scrap metal.

The laws were introduced recently to combat scrap metal thefts which have been blighting local communities.

Scrap metal dealers now need a licence from their local council to collect, buy or sell scrap metal and the licence applies to both door to door collectors and scrap metal sites.

Both West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland councils are responsible for issuing the licences in this area.

There are an estimated 1,000 metal thefts

by Harry Walton

a week in the UK which are said to cost the country around £220 million a year.

Weymouth and Portland community safety spokesman Councillor Geoff Petherick said: "The new laws will allow the council to refuse or revoke a trader's licence if they are deemed unsuitable.

"Scrap metal thieves cause distress and misery to people within our community and this new law provides us with more powers to tackle these people."

West Dorset council leader Councillor Robert Gould said: "Scrap metal thefts are a scourge on the community, causing damage to buildings and infrastructure.

"What these new laws will mean is that traders will need to prove their suitability to trade scrap metal to the council which will reduce the likelihood of scrap metal thefts across the district."

The new law also means that dealers must verify the identity of the seller and the councils' licensing teams will be working with Dorset Police to enforce the new legislation.

## Police crack down on drink driving

DORSET Police say they are disappointed that 48 people were charged with drink and drive-related offences up until December 22nd.

Inspector Matt Butler, of Dorset Police's Traffic Unit, said: "It's really disappointing that so many people continue to not only put their own lives at risk, but also the lives of other innocent road users.

"I have seen far too many lives lost on the roads due to drink driving. Research has shown that even one

drink can impair the ability to drive so please don't get behind the wheel after drinking any alcohol at all."

Inspector Butler is also urging people to plan ahead over New Year and take simple steps such as booking a taxi, having a designated driver or arranging overnight accommodation.

Every driver who is involved in a collision in Dorset during the drink and drug drive campaign will be breath tested, irrespective of

whether they are suspected of drink driving or not.

If someone is caught drink driving they will face a minimum 12 month driving ban, a criminal record, up to six months in prison and a fine of up to £5,000.

Inspector Butler added: "I urge members of the public to dial 999 if they suspect someone is driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and please be assured that your details will remain anonymous."

## Church cake sale for Philippines relief fund

CHRISTMAS chutney was just one tasty item on offer when a coffee morning in aid of the Philippines disaster appeal was held at St Paul's Church in Weymouth.

Organiser Sharon Waight said: "We couldn't believe how busy we were. It was lovely.

"Everyone was buying cakes or preserves, snapping up wooden crafts or having a go on our raffle.

"All proceeds will go to the Philippines disaster appeal. We decided to support it because we were so moved by what had happened.

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# NEW YEAR NEW YOU

## New Year's Resolutions for 2014?

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## The good life

A new year can be a new start and a chance to improve your life. Gabrielle Fagan seeks advice from experts on creating a new you in 2014.

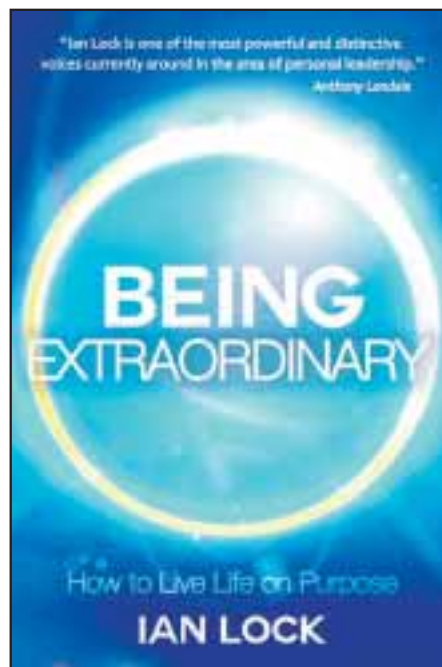
by Gabrielle Fagan

If you're dreaming of a better future and want those goals on your to-do list to become reality - wake up!

So many of us wish that we had the courage to be true to ourselves and live a life which reflects our inner image but all too often we let another year slip by without fulfilling our resolutions.

The start of a new year is a great time to face the fact that it's going to take more than vague hopes to make a difference in your life, and it will involve effort, hard work and focus.

But it's perfectly possible to achieve your ambitions, according to Ian Lock, author of Being Extraordinary: How To Live Life On Purpose.



"The good news is that we can all choose to be extraordinary, whatever our circumstances. We can all create a life that we're truly proud to call our own," he says.

"Face the pain, dissatisfaction and frustration that you're tolerating in your life now and become inspired by the dream of a more extraordinary future.

"That may sound ambitious. It is. But unless you make that bold, aspirational statement, you can confidently predict that your energy, belief and commitment to make changes will run out after the first few weeks and you'll end up compromising on your future."

He and other experts give their top tips to help make 2014 your turning point.

### BEING EXTRAORDINARY

• Firstly, identify the words you would like to describe 'you' during this year - for instance, successful, re-invented, or perhaps fitter or more sociable.

"Be challenging and write words that feel stretching and maybe even uncomfortable to you at present but which are how you would need to be to achieve your dream goals," says Ian Lock.

"Think of yourself at your extraordinary best and consider what sort of life you might create for yourself and others."

• Clarify what you really care about.

"This underpins everything we do, say and feel," says Lock. "It's at the core of us and shapes our lives, often unwittingly if we have never crystallised our thoughts on this before."

Consider the beliefs, objects and people as well as the philosophies and moral values which honestly matter to

you, he says.

• Define which changes, and why, you wish to make to your life. Write a list and ensure they're the ones which will give a greater sense of purpose in your life.

"Purpose is often linked with hope and ambition," says Lock.

"Whatever you choose, try to notice whether it gives you either one of those.

"A purpose doesn't have to be as grand as trying to save the world. What is must do is connect you with the life you want to live and the person you want to be. It has to feel right and give you a sense of excitement and energy."

• Over the next month write a diary recording progress towards making those changes, even small steps, and make a note of the actions which haven't worked. When they do work, remind yourself that it was you that made them happen.

"Just the thought that you could be extraordinary requires that you step outside of what is comfortable," says Lock.

"Being extraordinary is just as much about the journey and how we make that journey as it is the result."

Ask your family and friends to help you, where appropriate, to make changes in your life.

Be open to challenges and look forward to a different landscape to your life by the end of the year, he advises.

• Ian Lock is a leadership development consultant and author of Being Extraordinary: How To Live Life On Purpose, published by Live It Publishing. For more information, visit [www.being-extraordinary.com](http://www.being-extraordinary.com)

### CHOOSE YOUR VIEW

Bad things happen, from traffic jams and broken boilers to parking tickets, but it's how you deal with them which counts, advises Andy Cope, co-author with Andy Whittaker of The Art Of Being Brilliant.

"The 90/10 principle is a general theme around which life is based," says Cope.

"In summary, 10% of life is made up of what happens to you, which you have no control over, and 90% of life is decided by how you react to the 10%.

"So at some point you'll encounter irritations from a flat tyre to miserable work colleagues or travel delays.

"You can't control those problems but we're absolutely in charge of how we choose to react to them.

"Try to see a benefit in the most unwelcome inconvenience - you may encounter kindness when a fellow motorist helps you with a flat tyre, or an airport delay gives you time to relax or shop.

"It's training your brain to avoid wasteful anger or frustration and use the energy for a better outlook.

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• The Art Of Being Brilliant by Andy Cope and Andy Whittaker is published by Capstone.

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2014 BRINGS some changes to the Slimming World team & Becs is excited to have fellow consultants Mick Adams & Natalie Harper join the South West Dorset Team. Becs will still be in Beaminster evening group on a Wednesday evening, But will no longer be running the Bridport morning group after recruiting Natalie Harper a member from the morning group. Natalie who has lost over 6 and a half stone looked into becoming a consultant herself. This resulted in Becs moving to Bridport Tuesday evenings and Natalie going into the Bridport Wednesday morning group. Mick is a consultant in Weymouth and became a consultant after losing over 10 stone with Slimming World and has been looking after the Bridport Thursday Evening group, He has decided to become their permanent consultant from January. We are all really excited to be working together and helping members learn how to fill up on our generous filling, no weighing, no measuring hunger busting food optimising plans. For more information about Becs, Mick, Natalie or the amazing Slimming World lifestyle pop onto [www.slimmingworld.com](http://www.slimmingworld.com) let 2014 be your year.



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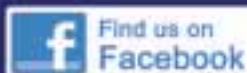
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## View 2 Diary Dates

### SATURDAY JANUARY 4TH

**BRIDPORT:** Bridport Ceildhs featuring Somerset band 'Jeroka' with Exeter's Ted Farmer calling at Church House (St Mary's) Hall, South Street, Bridport DT6 3NW. Soft drinks provided; bring a bottle, bring finger food snacks to share, bring a friend – bring two! – and come shake off the excesses of the festive season! Doors open 7.15 for 7.30 - 11.00pm dance. Tickets £8.50 on the door or £7.50 in advance from Bridport Music Shop, South Street and Jaxsons Delicatessen, West Street, or call organiser Monty on 01308 423442. See [www.bridportceildhs.wordpress.com](http://www.bridportceildhs.wordpress.com)

### SUNDAY JANUARY 5TH

**DORCHESTER:** The Dorchester French Circle meeting, 3-5pm at the Wessex Royale Hotel, High West Street. Celebrate the New Year together with a delicious afternoon tea in elegant surroundings. To book your place please phone 01305 854025 by 1st Jan 2014. There will be a discount for members. Spouses and partners, who need not be French speaking, are welcome. The price of the tea party and our full programme is given on our website [www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org](http://www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org)

### MONDAY JANUARY 6TH

**BRIDPORT:** Bridport Folk Dance Club at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club, with guest and club callers, recorded music and occasional live bands. No partner or previous experience required. Admission £2. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442.

**EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT:** Aqua Fit class, 10.30-11.30am (note new time), Highlands End. Have fun getting fit in the water; improve your flexibility and co-ordination. Just turn up or for more details call Penny Yarnold, 07970 879047, or 01308 426945.

### TUESDAY JANUARY 7TH

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. at Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis. Rebecca de Mendonca will demonstrate the use of Pastels, with the subject of Children on the Beach. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

### THURSDAY JANUARY 9TH

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### MONDAY JANUARY 13TH

**BRIDPORT:** Biodanza at Othona. 7.15 for 7.30pm. Monthly drop-in class (2nd and 4th Monday each month). Cost £7 (Concessions available – just ask) Free for Biodanza newbies! For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit [www.biodanza-bridport.co.uk](http://www.biodanza-bridport.co.uk)  
**BEAMINSTER:** Dorset Moviola present film: 'Red 2' (cert 12A), at the Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm.



### MONDAY

3.45-4.30pm **11-16YR OLDS TRAMPOLINING COURSE**  
4.30-5.15pm **4-11YR OLDS TRAMPOLINING COURSE**  
4.45-6.00pm **SILKS AERIAL COURSE 11-16YR OLDS**  
5.15-6.15pm **PILATES**  
6.00-7.15pm **SILKS AERIAL COURSE ADULTS (16+)**  
6.30-7.30pm **CIRCUITS**  
7.45-8.30pm **GROUP STUDIO CYCLING**

### TUESDAY

6.30-7.30pm **ZUMBA**

### WEDNESDAY

4.00-6.00pm **GYMNASTICS**  
6.00-6.45pm **GROUP STUDIO CYCLING**  
6.00-7.00pm **BFIT RUNNING CLUB**  
7.00-8.00pm **BACK 2 NETBALL CLUB**  
8.00-9.30pm **VOLLEYBALL**

### THURSDAY

6.30-7.30pm **AEROBICS**

### FRIDAY

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### TUESDAY JANUARY 14TH

**BEAMINSTER:** Beaminster Camera Club meeting. 'The Jurassic and other Coast Path Guides, photography and recording techniques' - talk by Roland Tarr. At the Sports Pavilion off Hogshill Street from 7.30pm.

### FRIDAY JANUARY 17TH

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting. Competition - New Beginnings. From 7.30pm at Woodmead Halls.

### TUESDAY JANUARY 21ST

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. at Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis. Shuna George will have fun with Acrylics. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22ND

**EYPE:** West Dorset Decorative and Fine Arts Society meeting. 'Art and the Russian Revolution' talk by Mr Jethro Lyne at Highlands End Leisure Centre from 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.  
**UPLYME:** Talk: 'Secrets of Victorian Walled Garden' by Chris Smith of Pennard Plants, Chelsea Gold Medalist. At Uplyme Village Hall, 7.30pm. Organised by Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society. Members free, non-members £3. For more details call 444034.

### MONDAY JANUARY 27TH

**BRIDPORT:** Biodanza at Othona. 7.15 for 7.30pm. Monthly drop-in class (2nd and 4th Monday each month). Cost £7 (Concessions available – just ask)

## This week's new cinema releases



American Hustle

### AMERICAN HUSTLE <sup>15</sup>

A CON man, Irving Rosenfeld, along with his seductive British partner, Sydney Prosser, is forced to work for a wild FBI agent, Richie DiMaso. DiMaso pushes them into a world of Jersey powerbrokers and mafia.  
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### LAST VEGAS <sup>12A</sup>

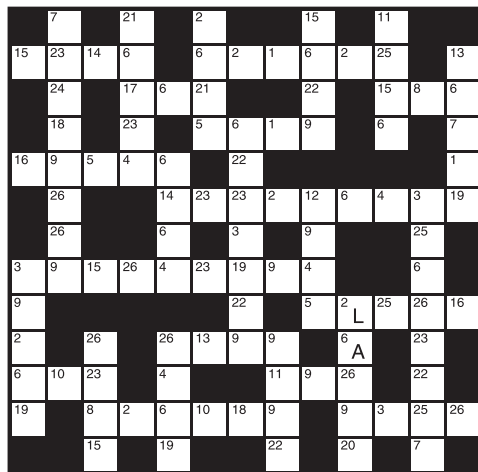
Three sixty-something friends take a break from their day-to-day lives to throw a bachelor party in Las Vegas for their last remaining single pal.  
Stars Robert De Niro, Michael Douglas and Morgan Freeman.

## Brain Gym

No.254

### Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
N	O	H	F	G	D	I	K	C	V	M	L	S
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
W	B	A	Q	E	X	Z	J	T	Y	P	R	U

1	14
2	L
3	15
3	16
4	17
5	18
6	19
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9	22
10	23
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12	25
13	26

## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.

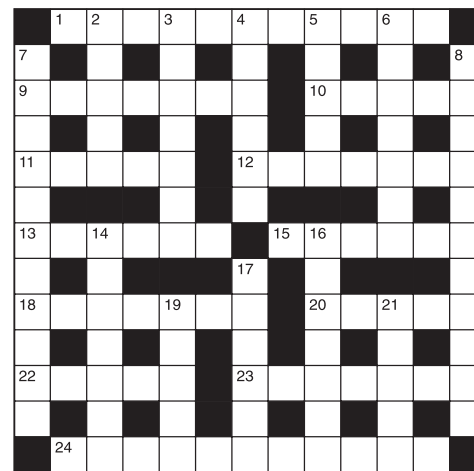
### Cryptic Clues:

#### Across

1. Skilled craftsmen? (11)
9. Game, and how to score in it (7)
10. People act foolishly in it (5)
11. Stone used to make an attack (5)
12. Birds I hide in a ship (7)
13. Attacked and bombed perhaps (6)
15. A colourless individual (6)
18. Take pains to produce inconvenience (7)
20. Vessel carrying fuel from Loire (5)
22. All right, a sanctimonious creature (5)
23. Terminated the sitting, presumably (5,2)
24. Discerning writer and french sailor (11)

#### Down

2. Dislikes haste, perhaps (5)
3. Money from pirates (7)
4. Enjoy a flavour (6)
5. Presents one's natural talents (5)
6. Ends of routes vary in merit (7)
7. News being made? (11)
8. It records world-shaking events (11)
14. Rich fabric with an outstanding design (7)
16. The prospect for a guardsman (4-3)
17. Woolworker is something of a problem (6)
19. She's a new member of a union (5)
21. Like a ship taking a number to port (5)



### Quick Clues:

#### Across

1. Inconsiderate (11)
9. Dark cell (7)
10. Combine (5)
11. Deposit (5)
12. Paid up (7)
13. Strain (6)
15. Motive (6)
18. Envelop (7)
20. Come in (5)
22. Felony (5)
23. Odd (7)
24. Stocks and shares (11)

#### Down

2. Sharpened (5)
3. Unavailing (7)
4. Upright (6)
5. Confine (5)
6. Ambles (7)
7. Immaturity (11)
8. Starring part (7,4)
14. Disturbance (7)
16. Put to death (7)
17. Issue(6)
19. Corpulent (5)
21. Reliance (5)

## Sudoku

3		9	7			4		
	2		6		9		5	8
	5		1					6
7			3					9
	1			6			4	
6			4		5			
1					3		9	
5			9		4		2	1
		4			6	5		

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

8	7	5	3	9	1	6	2	4
2	3	9	6	5	4	7	8	1
6	4	1	2	7	8	9	5	3
1	9	7	4	2	3	5	6	8
4	5	2	8	6	9	1	3	7
3	8	6	5	1	7	4	9	2
9	1	8	7	3	6	2	4	5
5	6	4	1	8	2	3	7	9
7	2	3	9	4	5	8	1	6

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
Across: 1 Penelope; 5 Spar; 9 Tsar; 10 Distinct; 11 Cache; 12 Illcit; 13 Dentist's chair; 18 Sea-fever; 19 Toss; 20 Animate; 21 Chair; 22 Nigh; 23 Skittles. Down: 2 Enslave; 3 Earshot; 4 Pain in the neck; 6 Panacea; 7 Rotator; 8 Italic; 13 Disdain; 14 Nearing; 15 Ice-man; 16 Hatchet; 17 Inspire. QUICK - Across: 1 Contempt; 5 Serf; 9 Alas; 10 Contract; 11 Equal; 12 Imitate; 13 Delectiveness; 18 Ceremony; 19 Eddy; 20 Initial; 21 Offer; 22 Ever; 23 Eyeglass. Down: 2 Oblique; 3 Testate; 4 Provisionally; 6 Emanate; 7 Fitness; 8 Strife; 13 Decline; 14 Furtive; 15 Commit; 16 Needful; 17 Sadness.



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K2 9pm

Nag's Head, LYME REGIS  
Delta Tango 7

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### Saturday 18th January

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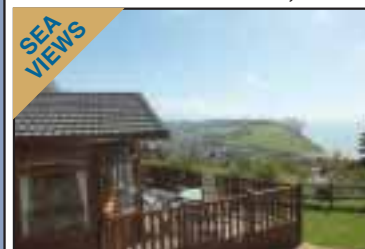
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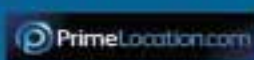


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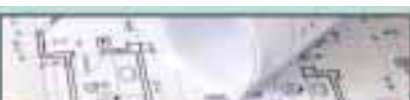
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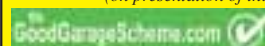
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Skill South (bottom)	P	GD	Pts
Boreham Wood	21	-5	21
Maidenhead Utd	20	-6	21
Tonbridge Angels	18	-11	21
Whitehawk	20	-11	18
Gosport Borough	27	-11	15
DORCHESTER TOWN	20	-25	15

Calor Prem (bottom)	P	GD	Pts
Redditch Utd	26	-23	31
WEYMOUTH	21	-6	30
Corby Town	20	-2	29
Truro City	25	-17	28
Chippingham Town	23	-25	21
St Neots Town	24	-5	20
Frome Town	22	-19	20
Bedford Town	24	-40	14
AFC Totton	22	-46	11
Bashley	20	-47	5

Tootston Premier	P	GD	Pts
Larkhall Athletic	20	43	58
Gillingham Town	24	37	54
Bristol Manor Farm	23	38	51
Street	14	47	47
Willand Rovers	23	10	39
Odd Down	21	12	36
Caubury Heath	22	4	33
Holt Utd	22	-15	24
Melksham Town	22	-5	22
Bitton	21	0	29
BRIDPORT	23	-1	27
Brislington	20	-3	27
Buckland Athletic	21	-1	26
Longwell Green	19	-8	24
Winterborne Utd	22	-11	23
Slimbridge	22	-17	19
Radstock Town	23	-21	19
Sherborne Town	20	-12	17
Ilfracombe Town	17	-17	17
Hengrove Athletic	21	-24	15
Bishops Sutton	23	-44	11

Premier League	P	GD	Pts
PORTLAND UTD	17	39	38
Hamworthy Rec	19	38	38
Merley Cobham	18	21	36
Weymouth Res	19	24	35
BRIDPORT RES	19	16	31
Mere Town	17	15	29
Blandford Utd	19	-4	27
Wareham Rangers	17	-2	24
Holt Utd	22	-15	24
Shaftesbury Town	21	-17	23
Swanage & Herston	19	0	22
Tintinhull	17	-5	22
Cranborne	20	-36	20
Hamworthy Utd Res	18	-20	18
Parley Sports	21	-25	18
Sherborne Town Res	19	-9	17
Poole Borough	20	-24	15

Senior Division	P	GD	Pts
Chickierell Utd	11	17	26
Sturm Marshall	10	17	24
Westland Sports	10	20	23
Weymouth & Broadway	11	19	23
Corfe Mullen Utd	11	20	20
Portland Utd Res	12	1	20
Gillingham Res	12	3	18
Witchampton Utd	11	7	17
South Cheriton	11	14	14
Blandford Utd Res	14	-8	12
Piddletrenthide Utd	14	-8	12
Sturm Newton Utd	11	-1	10
Kingston Lacy	13	-36	5
Okeford Utd	12	-34	3

Dorset Division 1	Pld	GD	Pts
Balti House	12	10	28
Milborne Sports	12	22	25
Dorchester Sports	13	15	24
Poundbury Rovers	13	7	22
Weymouth Spartans	13	-3	22
Wincanton Res	10	8	19
Kangaroos	11	1	19
Poole Boro Res	10	0	13
Swanage & H Res	13	-9	13
Bridport 3rds	11	-5	11
AFC Cobham	12	-15	11
Stourpaine	12	-12	8
Bere Regis	12	-25	4

Division Two	P	GD	Pts
Lyttchett RT	13	47	36
Portland Town	13	13	31
Portsmouth Utd	10	8	23
Wayle Regis Sc	14	2	23
Parley Sports Res	12	15	22
Shaftesbury Res	11	5	20
Corfe Castle	13	4	19
Gillingham Town A	13	0	16
Chickierell Utd Res	11	-2	15
Redlands FC	11	-1	14
Piddletrenthide Utd	13	-16	9
Wareham Rangers Res	11	-12	8
Ship Inn, Wool	14	-32	7
Sturm Newt Utd Rs	11	-29	6

Division Three	P	GD	Pts
Stickland Utd	13	33	32
Broadstone	13	43	27
Henstridge Utd	12	7	25
AFC Blandford	8	18	20
Mere Town Res	11	17	18
Maiden Newt & C	8	13	16
Stalbridge	11	-6	16
Handley Sports	11	-1	13
Sturm Marshall Res	11	-20	8
Bere Regis Res	10	-29	6
Portland Town Res	12	-30	6
Dorchester Utd	12	-45	3

Division Four	P	GD	Pts
Puddletown	10	20	26
Milborne Sports Res	10	17	24
Overmoigne	11	8	21
Weym'th Spartans	11	4	20
Pimperne SS	12	0	16
Portland Town A	11	-4	16
AFC Cobham Res	9	2	15
UFC Poundbury	13	-5	14
Kangaroos Res	12	-9	11
Corfe Mullen Res	11	-12	8
Cranborne Res	9	-16	7
South Cheriton Res	11	-15	7

Division Five	P	GD	Pts
Portland Utd Youth	12	26	28
Lyttchett RT Youth	12	25	28
Wool & Winfrith	9	9	18
Marnhall	10	8	16
Piddletrenthide Res	9	2	16
Corfe Castle Res	13	-1	15
Handley Sports Res	10	-7	13
Broadstone Res	8	5	13
Portland Town B	13	-36	10
Okeford Utd Res	12	-25	8
Maiden Newt Res	8	-21	0

(\* points deducted)

FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

Magpies come up short against soaring Spitfires

**Dorchester Town 1 Eastleigh 2**  
*Skill South - att: 614*  
DORCHESTER Town Football Club could not quite squeeze a point out of their clash with second placed Eastleigh at The Avenue on Boxing Day.

Having fallen two goals behind early in the second-half, the Magpies hopes were restored by a superb goal from Josh Wakefield just after the hour, but couldn't find an equaliser their second-half performance warranted.

With skipper Mark Jermy sitting out a one match ban, Jake Smeeton not only wore the captain armband but also took his place in the centre of defence, giving a debut to loan signing Fraser Colmer from Southampton in his normal left back berth.

Eastleigh showed their intent from the kick-off and Yemi Odubade fired wide of the far post in less than 30 seconds after Steve Walker had missed his header.

Stuart Fleetwood then cut inside and fired a shot into the side netting before Jai Reason set up Oudabade whose toe poke was deflected for a corner from which Chris Todd headed just wide.

It was no surprise therefore when the Spitfires took the lead midway through the half. Captain Craig McAllister flicked on a long ball forward into the path of Ben Stevens who took the ball in his stride to fire a 25 yard shot beyond Alan Walker-Harris and just inside the far post.

Dorchester's first real effort on goal came just before the half hour and should have perhaps seen an equaliser.

Josh Wakefield battled through two tackles on the left of the area before Jamie Gleeson pulled the ball back into the path of Sam Lananah, but he sidefooted his effort wide of the far post.

Reason had a similarly easy task at the other end but failed to get his foot around the ball six yards out after Stevens little dink had put him in.

Glen Southam had an effort blocked by Ryan Case before Walker deflected the follow up as the half drew to a close, and Magpies manager Phil Simkin would have been grateful that his side came out for the second half only a goal down.

However almost before you knew it, Eastleigh had doubled their lead when on 48 minutes a break and cross down the left by Dan Spence set up an easy sidefooted chance for Reason from 8 yards.

The Magpies started to show signs of getting back in the game after this and it was a pity that neither Josh Tennant nor Wakefield could convert Colmer's cross just after.

However just after the hour they were back in with a chance.

Tennant managed to toe poke on a pass to the AFC Bournemouth loanee wide on the left who cut in and shimmied past two defenders, before unleashing a superb curling effort beyond Ross Flitney's fingertips and into the far top corner.

Tails up, Nick Crittenden produced another of his dazzling runs to set up Tennant but the striker weakly chipped his effort over the bar, before Simkin introduced new signing Clive Marconi with just under 20 minutes left.

His pace unsettled the Eastleigh defence - particularly Flitney - who twice raced nervously yards outside his box to hack away through balls.

However it wasn't all one way as Eastleigh broke quickly on the break, and Stevens had a goal bound effort blocked by Colmer, before Smeeton and Walker-Harris snuffed out a threat from Reason. Then in added time the Magpies' keeper was forced to push away Fleetwood's 20-yard shot.

Simkin was pleased with the way his side responded in the second-half.

"Eastleigh put us under so much pressure in the first half an hour it was like playing against a League side. They play at a quicker tempo and it took our lads a little while to get used to it.

They could have had three of four in the first-half, but they didn't, and we survived." However after Wakefield's superb goal

gave them hope, the Magpies more than matched their high riding opponents which pleased their boss.

"This season won't be over for us if we keep putting in performances like that; that performance would have been good enough to beat most sides in this league.

"We did our best, it wasn't quite good enough, but we put in a great effort, but unfortunately you don't get points for performances, only wins."

**Magpies looking for new physio**  
DORCHESTER Town are looking for a new physio for the first team after **Damon Maston resigned with immediate effect after the Weston-super-Mare game on Saturday for family reasons.**

Manager Phil Simkin is desperate to find a replacement as soon as possible.

"It has left us with a problem at very short notice, so if there is anyone with the appropriate accreditations who feels they can help, we would be pleased to hear from them."

Anyone interested should ring 01305 262541 to discuss the situation with Phil.

**Yetton brace boosts Terras**  
WEYMOUTH 0 POOLE TOWN 3  
*Calor Premier - att: 1065*

EVEN a huge crowd of 1,065 failed to inspire the Terras to a performance anywhere near good enough to dent Poole Town's promotion hopes at the Bob Lucas Stadium on Boxing day.

Stuart Yetton gave them a scare in the first minute when he fired just wide of the post, and just before the half hour Sam Poole and Michael Walker both had shots blocked by the Dolphins' defence.

But it was Poole who took the lead on 36 minutes when Dan Cann controlled Ekow Elliott's cross before volleying home.

The visitors increased their lead two minutes after the interval when Elliott turned home a cross from the right.

Weymouth battled away to try and get back in the match but Poole were too strong and with 11 minutes left made the game safe when the unmarked Marvin Brooks headed home.

**FROME TOWN 1 WEYMOUTH 2**  
*Calor Premier - att: 392*

AFTER Boxing Day's defeat it was important that Weymouth gained something from their trip to the AlderSmith Stadium, but it looked as if the Terras would give the new Robins manager Adrian Foster a winning start after ex-Terra Matt Groves gave them the lead just after the hour.

But with just 13 minutes left the predatory Yetton struck an equaliser before firing the winner just five minutes from the end.

Groves who was dismissed as assistant manager, along with manager Brendon King just two weeks before Christmas, almost gave his new club the lead in the first half but caretaker manager Matthews foiled him from point blank range before new signing John Vance fired just wide with a free-kick.

Frome continued to dominate after the break and Matthews was forced to tip Groves' header over the bar before he finally beat his former colleague from close in.

Nathan Walker entered the fray with 20 minutes left and his aerial ability began causing the home defence problems, and when Ben Joyce allowed his flick on run to Yetton, the former Truro striker made no mistake from 15 yards.

This gave Weymouth impetus and when Luke Winsper sent Yetton free he blasted the ball into the top corner to earn the three points.

**Bees lose out in St Mary's thriller**  
BRIDPORT 2 GILLINGHAM 3  
*Tootston Premier - att: 128*

BRIDPORT just failed to take something from this pulsating game at St Mary's Field where two goals in added time brought a dramatic climax to this Tootston Western League Premier Division fixture. Having given fourth placed Street a

shock on Boxing Day by going three up before being pegged back for a draw, the Bees took a first half lead against Gillingham who are currently two places higher.

The Gills equalised two minutes later and then went ahead with a fortunate goal early in the second half. With time running out

Bridport threw caution to the wind and were caught out in the second minute of added time by a breakaway goal but responded immediately from the kick-off with a Tom Richardson effort.

However, despite playing five minutes of additional time they could not force the draw their play deserved.

A one match suspension for keeper Sam Filkins meant a debut for young Billy Fleet, while manager Trevor Senior was forced into a 3-5-3 formation due to a number of injuries and illness, particularly in defence, while two or three were carrying injuries.

Despite this Bridport more than matched their opponents who were undefeated in eight league matches before their shock defeat at Slimbridge.

Both sides produced exciting, attacking football despite the heavy pitch in a match well refereed by Andy Turner who allowed for the conditions.

Tom Richardson just headed over the top from Dan Wise's corner in the third minute, before Wise found space but fired his 25 yards shot straight at keeper Jamie Beale.

A neat Bridport move on 18 minutes saw Wise feed Gary Bulman who played in Ryan Dovell with a ball inside the full back, but the striker's fierce cross shot was palmed away by Beale.

Bridport continued to dictate and Richardson just failed to get on the end of Wise's free kick at the far post, but on 26 minutes they got their reward although it was an odd situation.

Chris Clarke headed a Wise corner back across goal where Max Buckler shaped to hook the ball into the roof of the net. Instead he miscued and the ball bizarrely spun up in the air and over the stranded Beale into the net.

Two minutes later Gillingham were level in a repeat of the first goal conceded at Street. Three tackles by Bees defenders luckily rebounded back to the opposition until Harry Baker fed the unmarked Dan Thompson 12 yards from goal who picked his spot.

Bridport responded when Chris Luke set up Darren Watts who was just wide with a 35 yard effort, before Steve Smith, who had a short loan spell at St Mary's earlier in the season just headed over the angle of the goal from a corner.

Bridport had two good chances to go ahead in first half added time when first Beale produced a superb save to tip Wise's angled curling shot away for a corner. Then Richardson might have done better after good work by Dovell at retrieving what appeared a lost chance and crossing from the corner flag, but his sidefooted volley from 10 yards went wide of the far post.

Gillingham came out with more intent after the break and went ahead on 52 minutes when Ben Thompson got a touch to Baker's wide free kick that dropped on the line unchallenged.

Shell shocked, the Bees almost conceded another two minutes later when good work by Dan Thompson found Smith 10 yards out, but the ball deflected off Bees captain Ryan Hayter and over for a corner.

In a rare Bridport attack Luke had a goal-bound shot blocked before the Bees defence somehow survived a goalmouth melee. Fleet pushed Rodriguez's shot up in the air from which followed three close range shots which were all blocked, the last resulting in Hayter throwing his body in the way, before the ball was cleared. Fleet then had to go down low to his right to hold on to a Smith header.

Bridport survived however and began to get back in the game, and Watts was unlucky with three efforts; a 20 yard shot just wide of the post, a run that saw him finally crowded out and a low header from Wise's corner that Beale palmed away. Gary Bulman who had an excellent

match for the Bees, particularly in the first-half, then kicked Jack Vallis's header off the line in a rare Gills attack, as Bridport went looking for an equaliser.

Substitute Sean Stewart might have got it in the dying seconds of normal time, but his header from a Wise corner went wide. Bulman went even closer in the second minute of added time when his 30-yard shot clipped the right hand angle of the goalframe with Beale beaten.

In a dramatic twist, the goal kick found Smith free inside the Bees half who thumped a 35 yards shot goalwards. Whether it was the strength of the shot or Fleet's inexperience, but the ball hit straight at him, passed between his hands and into the roof of the net.

It certainly looked game over for Bridport but straight from the restart Richardson chased a ball down the left channel before flicking the ball past the outstriving Beale and just inside the far post.

Unfortunately Gillingham held out for the remaining minute to claim the points which was unfair on Bridport who were well worth a draw.

**Ressies continue to shine**  
TINTINHULL 0 BRIDPORT RESERVES 2

BRIDPORT Reserves continued their fine run of form with another victory thanks to goals from Sam Day and Michael Hailu midway through both halves.

Bridport controlled the game from the start and Ben Clarke went close with a header before Day gave the Bees a deserved lead when he thumped a 25-yard free-kick into the top corner.

The hosts made a concerted effort to get back in the game at the start of the second-half.

But the Bees, despite a number of changes due to first team call-ups, held firm and secured the points with a spectacular goal.

Tristan Gale, who had already supplied one delicious cross from the byline that went begging, did it a second time and Hailu timed his run to perfection to volley home from 10 yards.

Manager Robin Townsend said: "We played really well again and kept a clean sheet. We are on a bit of a run, and all those that stepped up did really well in a good team performance."

**Round-up**  
WITH only five games surviving the adverse weather conditions on Saturday it allowed Hamworthy Recreation to join top-of-the-table Portland United on 38 points after an 8-2 victory in their local derby against Hamworthy United Reserves at the County Ground.

Blandford United beat visitors Poole Borough 2-0 to move up into seventh place.

Holt United maintained their recent good League form with 2-1 win at Cranborne.

Down at the bottom Marc Cains scored a hat-trick as Sherborne Town Reserves moved off the foot of the table with a 6-4 win against Parley Sports.

**RESULTS - Saturday, December 28th**  
**Premier League**

Blandford Utd 2-0 Poole Borough, Cranborne 1-2 Holt Utd, Hamworthy Utd Res 2-8 Hamworthy Recreation, Sherborne Res 6-4 Parley Sports, Tintinhull 0-2 Bridport Res.

**FIXTURES - Saturday, January 4th**  
**Premier League**

Bridport Res v Shaftesbury Town, Cranborne v Hamworthy Utd Res, Merley Cobham Sports v Hamworthy Recreation, Poole Boro v Parley Sports, Portland Utd v Blandford Utd, Sherborne Res v WQeymouth Res, Swanage & Hers v Mere Town, Wareham Rangers v Tintinhull.

BIATHLON

# Yarnold wins national title

HARRISON Yarnold from Askerswell has just been crowned the British Modern Biathlon Under 16 champion.

Yarnold who turned 15 in September won the title after competing against 29 other athletes at Tudor Grange Sports Centre in Solihull.

He completed the 200m swim in 2min 6secs before running 1600m in 4min 46 seconds to claim the individual gold medal, and along with fellow Dorset Pentathlete's Bradley Sutton and Elliot Laville won the team gold medal.

It was third time lucky for Yarnold as he had finished third in 2011 and second last year.

His father Howard, a partner at Humphries Kirk LLP who are one of the sponsors of the 100 strong team said: "I don't know where he gets his sporting prowess from; it certainly isn't me. Under the guidance of GB Biathlon Coach Mick Flaherty, Dorset Pentathletes are the most successful pentathlon team in Britain and we are proud to be associated with them"



■ UNDER 16 CHAMPION: National British Modern Biathlon U16 Champion Harrison Yarnold



## Blues' coaches get top tips



■ **PASSING ON KNOWLEDGE:** Nevil Jeffery (right) being greeted by Allan Staerck.

SIXTEEN coaches and assistants from both junior and senior levels of Bridport Rugby Club benefitted from a recent CPD coaching workshop staffed by Nevil Jeffery one of the RFU lead coach educators, supported by Dorset and Wilts RFU.

The event organised by the club's vice-chairman Allan Staerck that bring benefit to all local rugby clubs, was aimed at coaches at all levels to encourage the development of rugby union skills, through conditioning games rather than just drill based practice.

The club's under 16 players were also involved, and as well as providing the practical element of the workshop, also learned a lot from the high level of tuition.

### Bridport & District Pool League

Table Week 13)	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-Pts
Burstock Grangers .....	12	11	0	1	83	37	46 83
Bang Tidy .....	12	9	1	2	75	45	30 75
Knapp Inn .....	12	6	3	3	66	53	13 66
Benidwaffebangers .....	12	5	3	4	66	54	12 66
Red Hot Shots .....	12	6	3	3	65	55	10 65
Shameless .....	12	4	3	5	57	63	-6 57
Trawlerz .....	12	4	3	5	57	63	-6 57
Bradpole Club .....	12	4	3	5	55	65	-10 55
Just the Tip .....	12	4	2	6	65	65	-10 55
Ringers .....	12	3	4	5	55	65	-10 55
Hope & Anchor .....	12	3	3	6	54	65	-11 54
Pocket Rockets* .....	12	1	4	7	49	71	-22 46
Longshots .....	12	1	2	9	42	78	-36 42

#### Top Players

- 1) Nick Sully (Burstock Grangers) Pld 24 W 20 (83.3%).
- 2) Ben Frampton (Burstock Grangers) 24/18/75%
- 3) Andy Jones (Bradpole Club) & Tony Coe (Ringers) both 24/17/70.8%.

### Dorchester & District Snooker

RESULTS and tables as at December 18th: West Dorset Club A 5 Purbeck Potters 2, Colliton XQ2013 0 West Dorset Club A 6, Trinity Gooduns 4 West Dorset Club A 3.

**30+ breaks;** E.Wellman 52, 39 & 32.

**Top break of the season:** Evan Wellman (67).

Table (week 10)	Pld	Pts
West Dorset Club A.....	9	44
Trinity Gooduns.....	9	38
Trinity M.....	9	37
Purbeck Potters.....	9	36
Colliton Cons.....	8	32
Colliton Hopefuls.....	8	31
Trinity Express.....	9	30
Colliton XQ2013.....	8	27
WDC Whipping Boys.....	9	21

**Team Handicap Knock-out Cup - Round Two**

Colliton XQ 2013 4 WDC Whipping Boys 1, Colliton Hopefuls 4 Colliton Cons 1, Trinity M 4 Trinity Express 2, Purbeck Potters 1 Trinity Gooduns 4.

**Semi-final draw** (venues to be decided) Colliton Hopefuls v Trinity M (Wednesday, February 5th), Trinity Gooduns v Colliton XQ2013 (Thursday, February 6th).

#### Upcoming re-arranged league matches:

Trinity Gooduns v Colliton XQ2013 (Thursday, February 13th), Colliton XQ2013 v Purbeck Potters (Thursday, February 20th), Colliton Cons v Colliton Hopefuls - To finish score so far 2-3.

## WEYMOUTH YOUTH RUGBY

# Last gasp try sinks U15s

**Weymouth U15 10 Swanage 12**  
IN a thrilling encounter against a strong Swanage side, Weymouth proved that Monmouth Avenue is not an easy place to visit, and were unlucky not to be playing in the Dorset Plate Final for the second year in a row when they conceded an unconverted try with the last play of the game.

The whole team was outstanding and to lose in this way was cruel, but they can build on this performance and look forward to the second half of the season.

Weather conditions were not suited to playing open expansive rugby.

From the start the home pack were quicker to the breakdown, solid in defence and were equal to the Swans in the scrum.

Weymouth put Swanage under a huge amount of pressure in the first half and despite conceding a try against the run of play to go seven points down they kept their heads.

The forwards gave the backs an unprecedented amount of clean ball, and finally, their crisp passing and excellent angled runs in the centre were rewarded when Troy Brocklebank scored minutes before the break and the teams went in at 7-5.

Weymouth started the second half where they left off, and again, they had Swans under a huge amount of pressure.

Morgan Pollock's work rate was tremendous and when another of his many huge drives was held up short of the line, the Weymouth man of the match, Bud Glover picked up and dived over to give Weymouth a well deserved 10-7 lead.

Swans came back at Weymouth with real purpose but some outstanding try saving tackles from Cameron Thomson helped maintain the Weymouth lead.

Towards the end of the game Weymouth were hemmed in their own 22, more by the strong wind than the Swans attack, and numerous attempted kicks failed to clear their lines.

Credit to Swans; they really worked hard for their winning try and were eventually rewarded in the last play of the game, but most coaches and spectators agreed that it was one of those occasions where the better team on the day did not win.

#### Under 12s

WEYMOUTH Under 12s got their season underway with two games against **Bridport**, who with only 11 players, loaned two from the Seasiders squad of 23 to allow the games to go ahead.

**Game 1 - Weymouth 1 Bridport 2**  
IN the first game Ben Martin and Owen Edgar guested for Bridport against Weymouth captained by Luke Poyser.

Weymouth got off to a good start in the first-half with Robert Hunter scoring the first try after taking a very assertive quick penalty and catching the opposition off guard.

Weymouth tackled well and there was a noticeable improvement in their game and teamwork and but Bridport responded with a try just before half-time leaving it 1-1.

The second half again saw good pressure from Weymouth. With both sides well matched it could have gone either way but Bridport scored again giving them the lead, and although Weymouth rallied valiantly they could not equalise.

In the second game again Ben Martin captained Weymouth with

Jaden Claridge and Will McLaren playing for Bridport.

Once again there was good pressure from Weymouth as they went on the attack, but Bridport rode the storm to score twice before half-time.

In the second-half Bridport racked up another four tries to run out 6-0 winners.

#### Under 11s

WEYMOUTH Under 11s played out two excellent games against their **Bridport** counterparts, winning one and drawing the other.

A perfect start by both teams who indulged in the spirit of the game by playing flowing rugby as well as adapting well to the new rules for this season, with the new look five-man scrum for Weymouth proving to hold its own against a very strong and well drilled Bridport pack.

Nye Heron, for Weymouth, showed what a great hooker he is with several steals on a Bridport put-in and the shape of the Weymouth scrum held together and retained the ball when being pushed backwards.

Angus Jeffcott, Weymouth's scrum half, played a fantastic game in bringing into play the backs with harriving of the opposition and organisation on the field.

Strong defending throughout the team was the basis for many of Weymouth's attacks, with forwards being especially prominent, while Toby Diment-Aylott's vision and Josh Radburn-Richards power in midfield were pivotal in midfield.

The points all came in a first half that was dominated by Weymouth.

The first try was scored by Sam Burton, who was supported by good running from Daniel Becker and Diment-Aylott to distract the Bridport defence.

The second try was scored by Diment-Aylott, who took advantage of a quick free-kick to run 20 metres to score a try with Burton adding the conversion. Nye Jones came close to scoring another solo try, with last ditch defending by Bridport halting the winger.

The second half was a more even affair, where both teams could have added further points.

Great running by Ian Clements identifying the Bridport gaps were thwarted with last ditch defending, and a resolute midfield and great team performance ensured that Weymouth won the game 12-0.

Some minor changes were made by Weymouth for the second game ensuring that the whole squad had a run out.

This was a much more even contest, where Bridport came out and straight away put Weymouth under pressure, scoring the first try which was unconverted.

Great teamwork enabled Weymouth to retain and recycle the ball on many occasions, and they replied through Burton, who on the end of a three-pass move took the ball over the line, Brodie Miller converting.

Bridport soon replied with a try and conversion to regain the lead, but Weymouth were soon in the ascendency again with continued pressure and missed opportunities where attempts for glory would have been better rewarded with playing in support players for easier tries.

They finally scored with Toby Diment-Aylott getting over the line.

As in the first game Weymouth, did not want the first-half to end.

Louis Chappell who started the game as a forward, made some no-

table tackles stopping Bridport and employed some quick hands to start the move for Weymouth's last try.

In the second-half, Bridport came out strongly and Weymouth were under constant pressure but in the end held on resolutely for a well-deserved draw.

#### Under 10s

WEYMOUTH Under 10s have been busy with three fixtures each involving two games.

Two terrific closely fought games saw Weymouth U10s play some of the best rugby the team have ever displayed beating **Lytchett Minster** 5-1 and 5-2.

The first game showed some great defensive play by both sides until two minutes before half-time when Weymouth finally broke through with a Jacob Brunell try.

From then onwards they had control of the game, and added tries from Eddie Goodrick, Xavier Hughes and Ethan as the whole team showed great awareness for space, and displayed some great passing movements as well as supporting each other in both attacking and defensive areas of the game.

Against Sherborne however they were second best, losing both games 8-7 and 10-4.

Weymouth doggedly resisted Sherborne for some time in the first half of game one, but after finally being breached they found themselves 6-2 down at the interval.

Weymouth came back in the second half to pull the game level at seven all with great tries from Man-of-the-Match Finley Wyatt, Hughes and Jordi Murphy, but Sherborne won the game with the last touch of the game.

In the second game Sherborne took an early lead and soon added more due to a lack of concentration by Weymouth during the breakdowns of play, and only great efforts by Milli Berry, Goodrick and George Cartwright prevented Sherborne adding more.

#### Under 8s

WEYMOUTH Under 8s travelled to **Sherborne** where honours were ended even, the hosts shading the first game 11-9 with Weymouth squeezing home 10-9 in the second.

The first game played in driving rain in which both teams showed great commitment, highlighted that although adept at attacking and supporting each other, Weymouth missed numerous tagging opportunities allowing Sherborne hold the lead to the final whistle.

A team talk and guidance as to tagging requirements before the second game saw a different approach, and the team were extremely committed to making the tag, and with their usual attacking flare were able to secure a win.

Again the team showed excellent team spirit, with some notable performances from George Bown, Charlie Westlake, Daniel Ashdown-Hoff, Joe Kinsey, Archie Campbell and a cracking try from Bobby Love, with both coaches extremely optimistic for the future of this squad of talented youngsters.

Against **Oakmedians** with plenty of players, both sides provided two teams.

In Pool 1 Weymouth Sharks beat Oaks Greens, where Oliver Graham scored an early try to edge the victory, and drew the second with Flynn Drummond scoring following Benjamin Parker's strong run; Archie Campbell providing goos

support. They however lost both their matches against Oaks Yellows. Oaks overwhelmed them 6-1 in the first encounter where a great interception from Charlie Westlake resulted in the Sharks only try of the game.

It was much closer in the second game where Drummond's tactic of Flying tagging paid off to score the first try, but Oaks came back with two of their own to take the game.

In Pool 2 Weymouth Pirates won their first game against Oak Yellows 6-5.

Taking the game to their opponents they made several good structured tries with good team support, notably George Bown. They also managed a few turnover balls.

In the second, a reinvigorated Oaks side started and ended strongly, with some well worked tries to win 7-3.

Weymouth were still strong in attack; a great run by player of the week Charlotte Piles narrowly missing a try but support there to ensure her run got a result; but their tagging was left wanting which was reflected by the score line.

The Pirates however won both their games against Oaks Greens by 8-6.

In the first with confidence abundant, they immediately took on the opposition and managed to cross the try line a couple of more times than the previous game, notably a great solo effort from Ashton Gee.

In the second game, following defeat by the Yellows, the Pirates made a concerted effort to rectify their mistakes with a better overall performance, not only in attack but also in defence with some strong tagging from all, notably Fraser Rudd and Daniel Ashdown-Hoff.

#### Under 7s

WEYMOUTH Under 7s enjoyed games against both **Sherborne** and **Bridport**.

Against Sherborne, the Sharks, who despite playing through some driving rain, won quite comfortably 7-4, with tries from Izaak Russell (2), Zack Hill (1) and Eddie Moles (4).

The Rays also ran out winners, although a much closer game, 9-7.

The tries were supplied from all over the team with Josh Robbins, Liam Hughes, Lawrence Goodrick and Oliver Clarke all scoring one, Sam Benson a brace and Tom Kinsey scored three great solo efforts.

A great team performance that showed some good play in both attack and defence

◆ WEYMOUTH had enough players to field three different teams against **Bridport** and all played well with some good tagging and try scoring across the board.

The Sharks won 8-3 with good tries coming from Moles, Sam Schofield, Joshua Robbins and Craig Stallman

The Rays also had a good win 5-2, although this was a much closer game than the score suggests; Archie Munro-Price and Clarke both scoring good solo efforts, to add to Benson and Russell tries.

Last up were the Eels, and again a very close game resulting in a 6-6 draw.

There was some excellent link up play between Kinsey and Hill, both getting two tries apiece with Max Lloyd and Flora Wilson both getting on the score sheet as well.

Lastly, a mention to Bridport who with only 11 players rotating against Weymouth's 18 fresh legs, did extremely well in the circumstances.

## Skittles

# Bridport League

CUP fixtures - week beginning Monday, December 30th;

**Over 58s - 1st Round** (no byes - eight winners each alley)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 3RD**

**Clock:** A Wiscombe; L Dare; B Churchill; M Gurd; J Brooks; M Legg; A Huxter; V Cozens; C Hopkins; N Pye; D. Fox; G Barnes; D Maunder; B Chapple; P Scott; R Herbert; H Yeatman.

**Bridport FC:** S Gale; B Legg; M Chivers; B Crandon; D Salter; C Langdon; M Hansford; L Farnham; T Davis; G Legg; B Herbert; D Hocking; S Yeatman; M Barnes; L Smith; M Willcox.

Week beginning Monday, 6th January,  
**Mens Pairs - 2nd Round** (four winners each alley)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH**

**Bridport FC:** D Maunder & DJ Maunder; M Gurd & P Johnson; K Groves & R Norman; M Powell & S Lee; H Rathbone & S Welsford; A Poulley & R Frampton; J Smith & R Poulley; B Pitcher & H Mills.

**West Dorset Club:** M Symonds & J Cook; P Symonds & R Clark; C Langdon & P Scott; B Herbert & R Herbert; D Hocking & D Hoskins; D Horton & L Slocombe; L Dare & C Barnes; S Pitcher & A Cauldwell.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 7TH**

**Tiger:** A Huxter & N Pye; S Cauldwell & M Legg; M Willcox & J Sellick; B Chapple & M Barnes; M Hooper & S Smith; G Brooks & Partner; I Pincombe & M Horton; S Gale & L Farnham.

Wednesday, January 8th  
**Clock:** D Gudge & M Gudge; M Huxter & N Gurd; T Cleal & A Way; K Readings & B Robinson; D Cooper & R Pincombe; S Challis & P Tuck; C Willcox & M Chivers; Z Cauldwell & D Cowburn.

**Ladies Three's - 1st Round** (two byes)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 7TH**

**Lord Nelson:** B Snaps; Middle Talent; The Trio; Three H's.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH**  
**Bradpole Club:** Vals Three; Snaps; Senior Talent; Alleycats  
King Charles; Junior Talent; Yonderover Three; Naughty Nymphs; Three Sisters;





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## INSIDE: Local sport round up



**Family rivalry  
adds to exciting  
Boxing Day game**

**Chairman's XV 26  
President's XV 28**  
WEYMOUTH Rugby Club's Boxing Day challenge was not only an exciting game with the President's XV just overcoming the Chairman's selection, but involved three father and son's combinations!  
Hywel Jeffcott and sons Hamish and Ieuan, Dave Allan and his sons Lewis and Nathan, and Justin Waller and his son Ben all took part in the festive encounter.  
Hywel Jeffcott, Chris Hurrell and Andy Bowditch scored tries for the chairman's side with Nathan Allan adding the extras.  
The President's scorers were; Hamish Jeffcott, Andy Bowditch and Ben Waller with John Beare adding the extras.  
♦ Pictured left - President Des Quick awards the Boxing Day Trophy to winning captain Hamish Jeffcott.  
**Photo by CHRIS DAVIS**



**■ PARTNERS:** THE IPACA PE department and Weymouth Rugby have formed a new partnership to try and promote rugby on the island. The partnership has been formed through an Active Dorset Programme to use schools as satellite's to create and promote school and club links. The programme will aim to set up a coaching base at IPACA as well as transport Portland students to training sessions at Weymouth Rugby Club. Four students have been identified as ambassadors to promote the sport and provide information to those who show an interest. Dan Kinsey, IPACA Head of Sport said "I am very excited and pleased to be working so closely with Weymouth Rugby Club to promote the sport at the Academy, both on the island and locally in Weymouth and Portland. Rugby is new to the curriculum at IPACA, but is gathering momentum within lessons, and at the school in extracurricular activities." Pictured above are; Chris Burton RFU; Ian MacMillan, Weymouth RFC Chairman; Dan Kinsey; Steve Nation Grainger, IPACA sports teacher and Mike Murphy, Weymouth RFC Mini & Youth Chairman together with some of the Weymouth RFC School Ambassadors.  
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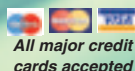
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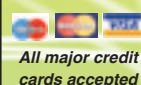
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